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<sup>W:</sup> Mr. STEPHENS's Sermon,

Preach'd before the

Honorable House of COMMONS,

AT

St. Margaret's Church in Westminster;

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By a Gentleman who took the  
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**A**MONG all the various kinds of *Seditious* People, that from time to time have *Plagn'd* our *English* Nation, there have been none so dreadfully *Per-nicious* and *Troublesome* to the *Peace* of *England*, as our *Government Menders*, who always find something that they think ought to be *Altered*, *Amended*, or *Abolished*; and are so fond of their own *Enthusiastick* Notions, which rather proceed from *Over-heated Brains*, than *Solid Judgments*, that they can neither be at quiet themselves, nor suffer any Societies of Men to be so, that will but hearken whilst they are communicating their own fanfiful *Delusions*, and *Whims* that have no other Design than to distract the *Body Politick*. These Practices have been formerly *Arraign'd*, as the Crimes of particular *Laymen*. that Court *Preferment* by setting up themselves as profest *Enemies* to every Administration; but now to find this Course pursued by a Man that has the Reputation of Learning, a Bachelor in Divinity, and Beneficed in the Church of *England*, is so *Abominable* and *Amazing*, that 'tis enough to startle Men of Temper and prudence, to think the Church should harbour such a *Viper* in its *Bosom*, as is gnawing his way to a Name, by Methods directly opposite to his own Oaths of *Fidelity*, *Canonical Obedience*, and the purity of the Churches *Doctrine*, which unhappily came to pass after this manner.

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Mr. Stephens being ambitious of getting a Name among a Party that never wish'd well to the *Monarchy*, or the *Church of England*, knowing the *Honourable and Loyal House of Commons* did Annually meet at *St. Margaret's Church in Westminster*, on the 30th of *January*, to bewail a Crime so detested by God and Man, as the Murder of a King is, he procured the Favour of Preaching before that *Honourable Assembly* on that Solemn Day of Humiliation, in which so black a Crime was committed, which had it not long since been publickly appointed by the Voice of the *whole Nation*, that we, and our Posterities after us, should Yearly bewail the *Guilty Memory* of it, it would have remain'd an *Indelible Disgrace* to the present Age, and to the whole *English Name*, and yet the reason, as 'tis credibly reported, why he cover'd the Honour of Preaching before this *August Assembly* on that occasion, was, *Because he thought himself able, to give that Wise and Illustrious Auditory, sufficient Reasons for for the Non-observance of it any longer.*

A Bold, Saucy, and Daring undertaking, to Preach against a Law in force, before our *Legislators*; as if they knew not what was fit to be *Retained* or *Abolished*, without the Directions of a *Pragmatical Preacher*, that like a *Blind*, and *Bewildred Traveller*, seems to have lost his way; and whilst he affected to *Dictate* so magisterially out of the *Common Road and Duty of a Preacher*, he fell in a *Complication of Absurdities*: Each of which was a most intolerable Blunder in his *Politicks*; and may chance raise a Storm upon him, that all the Friends he has will never be able to pacify.

Of all Men living, *Mr. Stephens*, considering his own *Circumstances*, had the greatest reason in the World to have worn out his Days in the greatest *Obscurity*, and it not only accuses his own *Discretion*, but the *Common Prudence* of all his Advisers, to revive the *Memory* of his

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his former (and almost buried) Crimes, by setting him up in such a Celebrated Auditory, which would carry the Discourse of them into all the Countries and Corporations of England, had he behaved himself never so cautiously in the Pulpit: And what then might he reasonable expect, when he resolved to *Affront the Laws*, and run counter to the Sentiments of the whole Kingdom; but that his *Abominable and not to be named Crimes, with which he was accused by his Scholars, when he was School-Master of Bristol, and for which he run away from the City for fear of being Prosecuted*, should be revived to his Eternal Infamy, and Hatred of all Mankind. Which if his Advisers had considered, they would never have cast such an *Oidium* upon their *Tennets and Politicks*, as to have publish'd them by a Man of Mr. Stephens's Character.

However, up he comes with his *Usual Confidence* into St. Margaret's Pulpit, and having named his Text out of Titus the 3d, Verse the 1st, *Put them in mind to be subject to Principalities and Powers, to obey Magistrates, and to be ready to every Good Work*: Which Text in its genuine Interpretation imports nothing else, but that all Christians should Peaceably submit themselves to the Government under which they live: Yet he that always had the *Ill luck* to spy more in a Text than all the rest of his Brethren, indeavoured to prove (tho' with very ill success) the Doctrine of *Disobedience* to Princes, from the same Text that Preaches up Obedience to Authority, as the *Indispensible Duty* of every Christian.

I do not say he urg'd Resistance in *Express Words*, for there was a vein of *Crafty and Ambiguous Sense* and *Expression*, that run through the whole Sermon, which might have fitted the Mouth of a *Knox* or a *Mariana* but ill became one that would be thought a Minister of *Jesus Christ*, and a true Son of the Church of England. He has indeed a peculiar Knack at wounding with *Sly, Oblique, and Paltry*

Suggestions; at Stabbing and looking another way, as if he were wholly Innocent and Unconcern'd; which might pass at a Tables end over a *Bottle* amongst his *Crowns* of the Faction; but he was mightily mistaken, to think he could Top upon a whole Parliament, or so disguise his Notions, that they could not apprehend that his Raking up the pretended faults of *Afflicted Majesty*, was a Base and Cowardly Assault, somewhat more than Barbarous and Inhumane; and his Leveling the Supreme Authority below its just Rights, was but a trick to usher in *Confusion*, or which is worse, beget a misunderstanding between the Royal Head and Loyal Members, as if they would inroach upon the Sovereignty, and therefore those great Men put such a Slight upon this *Consistent Prevaricator*, as would have broken any *English Man's* Heart, but Mr. *Stephens's*, or at last have made him follow his *Bristol* Brother in Iniquity *Emanuel Heath*, into *Jamaica*, who both fled from *Bristol* almost at the same time, and upon the very same occasion.

It cannot be imagined I should answer every *Heterodox* Notion in his *Sermon*; I shall therefore only reflect upon the main Design, and be indebted to him for the rest, till he Prints his *Sermon*.

His Flurting at the Doctrine of *Passive Obedience*, was only putting Swords into the Hands of Madmen, who know on other use of it, but either to destroy themselves, or the Peace of the Kingdom; for no Man can have any honest Design that Preaches against it. 'Tis true, the Words were abused in the late Reign, and is at all times when employ'd to countenance an *Insupportable Tyranny*, and that has made the Words generally *dislustrous* to *English* Men since the Revolution; which all Antimonarchists being sensible of, when they have a mind to inveigh against *Obedience to Authority*, 'tis but Tacking the Word *Passive* to *Obedience*, and their Work is done: For

it creates an Aversion in unthinking People, who cannot distinguish between the Use and the Abuse of things; and because 'twas once appled to all Purposes, run away with that mistaken *ad infinitum*, and think the Men that inveigh against *Passive Obedience*, are the only Asserters of true *English Liberty*: Which is a grand mistake, and instead of lulling Men asleep in an Error, so pernicious to the Peace of the Kingdom, ought to Alarm this Stupid Humour into a sense of Danger, or the Folly will be as unaccountable, as the Mischiefs will be insupportable, if ever this *Seditious Hot-headed Crew* of Republicans, be once more suffered to have the Steerage of Publick Affairs; who are a Proud and Ambitious sort of People, only valuable in their Conceits, and now Herd with the *Jacobins* only to reduce us into a State of *Anarchy*.

Some Men through Ignorance might imbibe Notions of Disobedience, as others think it lawful upon extraordinary Occasions, where *Sic Volo sic Juber* is a Law, and the King's Will is made the Political Standard; but for a man of Mr. Stephens's Learning, to Preach up the Doctrine of Resistance in a time of Peace, when there is no occasion to blow the Coals, when we have a King of our own choice, whom the Nation intirely Love and Honour, as being a *Valiant and Brave Prince*, undoubtedly the greatest Heroe of his Age, and has a Soul large enough to *Animate* more than three Kingdoms, was such an Ungracious, Dastardly, and creeping Innuendo against him, and carried such a rude threatening of His Majesty, if he should happen to disoblige the Faction, that the Preacher ought to be treated with a Scorn, and Contempt, answerable to the Baseness of the Enterprize: Since he cannot but know, that the *Doctrines of Passive Obedience and Non-Resistance* in their just Latitude, and Evangelical Importance, are Truths as Sacred as any other Humane Duty in the Bible, and without the Belief and Practice of it, the World

World will be no better than a *Swage* Wilderness, and a Habitation of *Wolves* and *Tyggers* in Humane Shape, Rending and Devouring one another.

To accomplish this wicked End must needs be the great Design of our Popular Orator; for tho' he so fluently harangu'd about the tremendous Consequences of *Passive Obedience*, he studiously conceal'd the fatal Consequences of *Rebellion*, which will be ever found to be more Durable and mischievous. This *St. Paul* well knew, and therefore founded this important and Inviolable Duty, upon Reasons that are perpetual and unalterable, as namely, that the Supream Magistrate is the Ordinance of God; His Power is ordain'd of God; He is the Minister of the great Immutable God, and not of the Giddy and Capricious Multitude: Now these Reasons hold good equally at all times, subsist under all the Alterations of the World are the same now in *England* that they were heretofore at *Rome*, and consequently the Duty of Obedience must be the same, Yesterday, to Day, and for ever. And yet what pains has *mr. Stephens* taken to lessen, if not encourage (by *slant Strokes*) the Crying and Diabolical Sin of *Rebellion*, which is so Dangerous, and infinitely encroaching, that if it be not stifled in its Seed and Principle, it will when kindled bid defiance to all Controul, and run along like an irresistible Conflagration: And tho' the Preacher employ'd all his Art in Mincing and, Palliating the Matter, 'twill be found a Maxime of Eternal Varsity, that whosoever gives Power to any Subjects to rise up against a Good King or Preach it up as lawful so to do, gives *License* to others to re-act the same *doleful Tragedy* which the whole Land mourns for every Thirtieth of *January*.

The Preachers next Design was to assert the *Liberty of the Subjects*, an excellent thing when Honestly used, and Peaceably intended; but to what purpose he insisted upon that Topick now, when blessed be God we have a *Prince* that neither does, nor intends to infringe our *Privileges*, or Deprive us of our *Rights*, but has given us all the Legal Securities a Parliament could ask for our future Peace and Happinels. When there are no Complaints that our *Rights* are Invaded, our *Properties* Usurped, or our *Liberties* Intringed, and the whole Nation sit under their own Vines



in Peace and Tranquility, I cannot imagine, unless he intended to Introduce a *Belluine Liberty*, for Men to say and do what they please: A Liberty of *assaulting* the Government, of improving and practising upon invented *Fears* and *Possibilities*, they have brought us into Vassalage to their own Party.

Now to Antidote this *Venome*, and to shield our selves from the Danger and Delusion, so artificially Insinuated by our *Bisarious Pre-dicator*, is to judge of the Designs by the Men that promotes them; for all the Arts employed by our Enemies, tho' never so cunningly disguised, are but the Sly Impositions of Cunning Knaves, to advance their own Party: And therefore when we see ill Men take up a fit of pretended Zeal, and Kindness for their Country, and appear better *Natured* than consists with their *Principles* and avowed *Interests*, 'tis time to suspect a *Fraud*, and weigh their *Words* with their *Practices*, before we believe them further than consists, with the safety of the Government, for the Men and their *Designs* can never be parted.

*Liberty* is the greatest Glory of a People: yet if it be not bounded by the Laws of *Reasons* and *Religion*, 'tis the greatest *Makebate* in the World: and tends directly to the Ruine of every Community, by the known Rule, *That the best things corrupted become the worst*. Liberty perverted into *Contention* for Superiority, is but *Trappanning* and *Dehuding* Men into *Slavery*; Catching them with *Words*, and decoying them into *Nets* and *Snares*: 'Twas the Affectation of this, that made our first Parents *Rebel* against God, and prompted Seditious Men, to *Rebel* against his *Vicegerents* on Earth: 'Twas a Sin of this Completion, that occasion'd the Unparallel'd Murder of *Charles the First*, for which our Land mourns at this very Day, and which seems like the first Transgression, to continue a lasting Curse and Debt upon Posterity.

Another Obliging Instance of his Dear Respects to *Monarchy*, was *Investing the Sovereign and Supream Power in the People*, and how that consists with his Duty as a Subject, or with his Repeated *Oaths* as a *Clergyman*, I leave him to Consider, and Repent. of, least he falls under an *Ecclesiastical Censure* also.

Sure Mr. Stephens when he was advancing the *Imaginary Power of the People*, thought he was Preaching at *Wootton-Under-Edge* in *Gloucestershire*, where he us'd to Vend these Popular Notions by *Wholesale*, with



with now and then a Gird at the *Establisht Church*, to make his Discourse more Palatable to the Carders and Spinners, and not in *St. Margaret's Church* at *Westminster*, whose Auditors were not accustomed to such *Disloyal* and *Republican Discourses*, till their Ears were Violated by this *Imposter*, who could design nothing but mischief by it; for in a *Monarchical Government*, God's Vicegerency ought not to be delegated to any other Head but what is Anointed, nor unaccountably scattered among the Multitude: For as Dividing a Power which is only safe by being *Intire*, derogates from the King's Supremacy; so it is destructive to the *Peoples Liberty*, as it Intoxicates them, and makes them stagger from one Form of Government to another, till their Divisions, as a Punishment for their Fickleness, sinks them at last under an *Absolute Monarchy*.

This Pretence of Exalting a *Popular Power*, could have no other Aim in the *Preacher*, than to create Jealousies between the King and his People: For as they cannot allay the false fears they are decoyed into, without Undutiful Resentments: So the King cannot brook *Competitors* in Power and Prerogative; and therefore the *Preacher* in paying the *Inferior* Members against the *Head*, could have no design but the Destruction of the whole Body: For this is an Infalliable Maxime, *That they who endeavour to submit Kings, rather than themselves, are laying the Foundation of Slavery and Confusion.*

One Argument our Case-harden'd *Predicant* made use of, to proye the Power was in the People, was

from *Jethro's* Advising *Moses* to Ease himself; by appointing Inferiour Magistrates to Hear and Determine lesser Differences among the People: Which is such a positive Contradiction to what he was advancing, that in the whole *Book of God*, he could not have found an Instance more directly *Opposite* to his Notion, than the *Absolute Authority* that *Moses* exercis'd over the Tribes of *Israel*: And at this no wise Man will wonder, for *Scripture* is so much out of our *Preachers* way, as he never *Blunders* more, as when he thinks to support his sinking cause from those Sacred Oracles; so that unless he acquit himself better for time to come, than he either did at *St. Mary le Bow*, *Jan* 30. 1693. or at *St. Margaret's Westminster*, *Jan*. 30. 1699. he will scarce be capable of any better Preferment, than Chaplain in Ordinary to the *Galves-Head Club*, that Feast, and Rejoice, in Memory of the most Barbarous Murder that the Sun ever saw or Men or Devils were capable of committing.

Sermons generally beget or lose their Esteem, by their being suted, or running Counter to the Occasion for which they were intended, & how our *Preacher* acquitted himself in this particular, is apparent. It was a Day of Humiliation for the *Murder of a King by Rebellious Subjects*, & instead of humbly persuading his Auditors to be Zealous in the Discharge of that Duty, he Preaches up the exploded *Opinions* that were the Occasions of that *Bloody Tragedy*, a *Lawless Liberty*, and the pretended Power of the People began the War, Murdered the King, and brought

brought the Nation under a Cruel and Barbarous Vassalage to the Meanest of their Fellow Subjects, and his knowing the same Causes will for ever produce the same Effects, made these the main things he insisted upon on the Thirtieth of *January*, whereon nothing like a *Christian*, or indeed a Man, besides his wretched self, could have plaid the *Buffoon* and *Incendiary* at so malicious a rate, upon so *Solemn* and *Sad* an Occasion, as brought together that August Assembly before whom he Preach'd; tho' as another Specimen of his Defence, he was pleas'd, for Reasons best known to himself, to omit praying for the *Parliament*, and every Branch of the *Royal Family*, which I believe, was scarce omitted upon that Day by any Preacher in *England* besides himself.

But it seems our Preacher's great Design, was, to Preach down the *Observation of the Day*; and therefore instead of Declaiming against those *Black Counsels* and *Accursed Practices*, which finish'd the last part of this *Blessed Monarch's* Tragedy, and humbly persuading his *Illustrious Auditory*, as the Representatives of the Nation, to be most Industiously Watchful, that the same Chimerical Designs and *Antimonarchical Principles*, which then Inspired so many Ill Men, Misled so many Good Men, and cost a Good King so Dear; might once more *Rivive*, and Insinuate themselves again, under the *same*, or *Newer*, and *Craftier Disguises*, and find an opportunity to attempt the like Mischiefs, he would have perswaded his *Honourable Auditors*, That the *Observation* of this Fast, which has always been Religiously ob-

served by all *Parliaments*, should be utterly Abolished- and Raced out of the *English* Calender.

A Bold & Presumptuous Undertaking, to Dictate to that *Wise and Honourable Assembly*; and whilst he was performing his part of the Office appointed for the Day, to declaim against the Observation of it: Least Guilty Consciences should be disturb'd, by the Remembrance of this *Eternal Reproach*, which though an *Indemnity* has Pardoned, no Oblivion will ever be able to *Deface*, is so unaccountable, that none but himself can assign a Reason for !

What could Mr. *Stephens* read in the Faces of these Wise and Loyal Senators, that could tempt him to such an Extravagant Conceit, that they would harken to such an Infamous Proposal? What one thing have they ever done that might *Countenance* such a Presumption, that none but a Man of Mr. *Stephens's* Forehead durst have offer'd to a Parliament, without expecting to be made an Example to Posterity ?

Had our Presumptuous and saucy Holder-Forth but consulted with our English History, he might have found that a Parliament had the Memory of *Charles* the First in such a great Esteem, that they Voted Seventy Thousand Pound to build him a Monument, and to pay the Charge of Removing his Body from *Windsor* to *Westminster* \* by which it appears, that the whole Kingdom thought nothing too much for expiating the Guilt, and Honouring the Memory of that ex-  
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cellent Prince, which had been so Barbarously treated: And tho' the Bill did not pass for the *Monument*, yet the same Parliament had done another thing before, which in spite of all Mr. Stephens's Arguments against it, may out-last all of that Kind in *Westminster*, or elsewhere in the whole Nation, *viz.* Enacted, That the Day of that horrid Parricide, be observed as a solemn Fast through the whole Kingdom for ever. And doubtless could they have foreseen, that any Person would have taken the Confidence to Asperse his Memory, or to have given Reasons for the *Non Observance of this Fast*, it would have been Voted no less Treasonable that his Murder. But let us hear Mr. Stephens's Reasons for its Abolition. And the first was,

*Because it creates Animosities among the People;* which is a very weak Argument, since the very *Abolition* of the Fast would have furnish'd them with a Subject to keep up the Popular Animosities, greater than ever the Observation of the Day can pretend to. In which no question but Mr. Stephens will have his Share, for endeavouring to obliterate the Remembrance and Detestation of a Crime, that the Wisdom of the Nation have *Enacted to continue for ever*, and peradventure he may live to be pointed at in the Streets, saying, *That is the Man that Attempted to put down the Anniversary Fast for the Murder of Charles the First*, and by this means like *Erostratus* may be remembered till Time shall be no more; besides, could our Preacher have obtain'd his end, an almost Twenty Years *Rebellion*, with the Miseries, Cal-

Calamities and Desolations that accompanied Us, will for ever keep up Animosities, tho' there were no such Day in the Calender as the 30th of *January*: And therefore with Respect to Mr. Stephens's Project, I think the best way to extinguish the Memory of that Guilty Day, *Is to abhor and Utterly forsake the Principles, that prompted Ill Men to Commit so Inhuman and Barbarous a Crime*; for as long as Men will be Arraigning Governments, Trampling upon the Power of Kings, and making all publick Distractions, concur in making way to their beloved *Tyranny and Usurpation*, others will upon better grounds Reply, That God is making Inquisition for Blood, and that the Murder of our late Sovereign is Required, and Visited upon this present Generation.

Another Reason assigned by our Preacher for the *Non-Observance of this Day of Humiliation*, was, because all the Bloody Actors in that Fatal Stroke were *Dead*, and the Memory of their Crimes ought to be Buried with them: Which Argument is as Weak and Feeble as the Other, unless he could prove, That the Principles by which those Regicides Acted, were as surely Damn'd to all Eternity, as the Authors of them are Dead: For till then, the Fast ought to continue, like a Bush stuck up by a Charitable Traveller in a Quick-Sand, to Warn Men of the Sin and Danger, which those Ill Men by espousing Ill Principles, were led into; for, as I have said before, what has been done, may be done again, and the same Causes will for ever produce the same Effects.

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Now to shew that these Accursed Principles are at present more predominant than they were 1642; which I can ascribe to nothing but the Looseness and Irreligion of the Age, I would ask Mr. *Stephens*, Whether the *Commonwealth Party* are not now more Numerous, Insolent, and since they joyn'd with the *Jacobites* mor formidable too, than in any King's Reign whatsoever? And also I would know, Whether they do not take the same Methods, to Undermine the Present Government under *William the Third*, as their Predecessors did under his Royal Grandfather *Charles the First*? And I heartily Wish this Evil be not so long neglected till it be grown past Redress, or Cure.

Are not our Republican Scriblers the Common Authors of all the Virulent Pamphlets against the Government? Who by Reporting what is False, and Preventing what is True, are forcing Unsteady Men upon the Rock, on which their Fathers were Shipwrackt.

Has not a Bold *Rennigado Irish Popish Priest* Written *Milton's Life*, who Vindicated the Murder of the Lord's Anointed, and gives that Wretch many high Elogiums; that once occasion'd several Hours Debates in the *House of Commons*: Whether he should not be Hang'd for what he had Written, in Justification of that Abominable Parricide; and had some of his *Now Admired Books* Burnt by the Hands of the *Common Hangman*.

Are not all that Vile Man's Works now Reprinted? And for fear they should not do Mischief enough that way, Is not an Abridgment of the most *Poysonous Passage*, put all together in the Account of his Life?

And which is no less observable than all the rest; Are not all these Collections made by a *Priest in Romish Orders*? And who, for ought we know, tho' he Acts the Part of a *Republican*, may be a *Romish* Emmissary, sent hither on purpose to Embroyl our Affairs, and to Divide us among our Selves, that at last we may become a Prey to the Common Enemy of our Nation and Religion; for this is but the Old Game Renewed, and 'twould be a Wonder, while some are Rending our Government to pieces, if the *Papists* should not have their Wolves in Sheeps Cloathing among us, to hasten our Ruine.

Further



Further, are not *Ludlow's Letters*, and *Harrington's Commonwealth Oceana*, in every Hand? And is any thing so common as Calves Head Clubs of Commonwealths Men, who Nightly Assemble to promote that Interest? Which, I think, if seriously considered, there is as much Reason now as ever, to Antidote this Infection, and not to Gratifie the Preacher in his Intolerable Impertinencies.

But to turn the Tables upon Mr. *Stephens*, who suffer'd himself to be made a Property for the Service of a Faction; there can be no greater Argument, That the Republicans are very busie in setting up their *Good Old Cause*, than what relates to himself: For some of his Party, as soon as he had leave to Preach before the Honourable House of Commons, Industriouslly spreading a Report, What Wonders Master *Stephens* would perform, in Order to Quash the Observation of the *Fast* upon the Thirtieth of *January*.

He sold the Copy of his Sermon to a Bookseller, before it was Preached, as I am Credibly Informed, for Five and Twenty Pounds: Far fetch'd and Dear bought, are only fit for Ladies and Commonwealths Men, who never stick at the Price of any thing that may be serviceable to their Faction, which if the Bookseller is not well assured of, he has certainl catch'd a *Tartar*; for never Man heard of such an Extravagant Rate given for a Single Sermon, which can only make him amends by the Badness of it. But now as Matters are Circumstantiated, and the Preacher finds himself mistaken in the Strength of his Faction, it may so sink the Value of his Sermon, that like the rest of their Republ<sup>ican</sup> Pamphlets, it must at last be Printed by a *Contribution*.

Thus have I as Briefly as I could, Animadverted upon this *Two-handed Sermon*, in which I had been more particular, but for two Reasons.

First, Because that Reverend, Pious, and Learned Prelate, His Grace the Lord Archbishop of *York*, Preached the same Day, and upon the same Text, before the Right Honourable the House of Lords, in *Westminster Abbey*; and the Lords having desired His Grace to Print His Sermon, you will find in that Discourse the Duty enjoyn'd in the Text, and the Religious Observation of the Day, Rescued from the Impertinent, Clandestine, and Dangerous Surmises of Mr. *Stephens*.

Secondly, Because the Honourable the *House of Commons*, before whom his Sermon was Preached, have shew'd their Repentments of it, in a Vote and Resolve worthy of Themselves and Eternal Remembrance. To which I refer you.

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